

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jason T. Evan, Reg. No. 57,862 on 03/03/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 23 has been rewritten as follows:

23. (Currently Amended) A wind power plant rotor blade tip of claim 1 wherein the rotor blade tip is hollow and wherein an end of the rotor blade tip remote from an afflux flow includes an opening for water drainage.

In the drawings

The following changes to the drawing have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

The drawings are objected to in that the water drainage hole as recited in claim 23 is not shown. Submission of an additional drawing figure similar to Figure 9 showing the location of the drain hole would overcome the objection and has been pre-approved by the examiner.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make the above agreed upon drawing change.

The above changes were made to put the application in allowable condition.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Ninh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4823. The examiner can be normally reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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